

Under the Scheme for reimbursement of the Security-Related Expenditure for Left Wing Extremist affected States, a sum of Rs. 641.90 lakh has also been released to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the period from 1.4.1996 to 31.3.2000.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, question does not arise.

Instruction of NHRC to States on custodial deaths

4270. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions issued by the National Human Rights Commission to the State Governments on custodial deaths are being ignored by most of the States;

(b) the number of custodial deaths in the country during 1999-2000 and the number of cases in which the NHRC has not received the full reports; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that the guidelines issued by the NHRC are implemented in letter and spirit promptly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) had registered 1093 cases of custodial deaths during 1999-2000. Out of these cases, NHRC have not received full reports in 327 cases from different States/Union Territories.

(c) The National Human Rights Commission issues guidelines from time to time on human rights issues. These guidelines are in the nature of recommendations to the Central/State Governments in exercise of the functions entrusted to the Commission under the provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (PHR Act, 1993). It is for the appropriate Governments to take action on implementation of the recommendations of the Commission in terms of the provisions of the PHR Act, 1993.